Price of silver

2355. DR. MOHD. HASHIM KIDWAI: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) what was the price of silver in the international market during the last two years; and

(b) what was the price of silver in the Indian market during the same period?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI JANARDHAN POOJARI): (a) and (b) The information is given below:—

Silver prices in New York and Bombay
(Monthly Averages)

(Price in Rs. per Kg.)

	New York		Bombay	
	1983-84	1984-85	1983-84	1984-85
July	3935.59	2710.70	3359.60	3414.60
August	3965.59	2831.65	3580.42	3432.71
September	3915.64	2774.20	3725.32	3508.63
October	3245.03	2836.25	3575.08	3560.71
November	2949.03	2909.02	3554.60	3644.05
December	3083.38	2647.22	3512.04	3670.21
January	2830.08	2476.99	3441.39	3681.88
February	3147.31	2529.74	3495.16	3823.96
March	3335.30	2490.48	3547.88	3937.05
April	3210.23	2592.23	3541.29	4005.09
May	3182.63	2526.59	3492.83	3986.60
June	3123.21	2472.09	3415.19	3825.22
Annual Average	3326.92	2649.76	3520.07	3707.56

Delay in holding the meeting of Central Board of Mines

2356. DR. MOHD. HASHIM KIDWAI: Will the Minister of STEEL, MINES AND COAL be pleased to state:

(a) the number of meetings of the Central Board of Mines held at Dhanbad during the last three years;

(b) when the last meeting of the Board was held; and

(c) what are the reasons for the delay in holding the meeting of the Board?

THE MINISTER OF STEEL, MINES AND COAL (SHRI VASANT SATHE): (a) There is no Central Board of Mines at Dhanbad under the Ministry of Steel, Mines and Coal.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

Export obligation in regard to raw silk and yarn import

2357. SHRI GULAM MOHI-UD-DIN SHAWL: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) what are the details of the commercial concerns in Calcutta with their